

Virginia Green Lodging Profile:





TownePlace Suites by Marriott

Virginia Beach, Virginia

Virginia Green is the Commonwealth of Virginia's campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices is all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. Virginia Green has established "core activities" specific to each sector of tourism, and these practices are considered the required minimum for participation in the program. However, Virginia Green encourages its participants to reduce their environmental impacts in all aspects of their operations; and this profile provides a full list of all their "green" activities. These are the activities that guests / customers can expect to find when they visit this facility.

TownePlace Suites

"95 room extended stay hotel; received Energy Star rating in 2006"

CORE ACTIVITIES for Lodging

"D" This symbol indicates a <u>required activity</u> for Virginia Green Lodging facilities. Participants self-certify that these activities are in place and they provide additional specifics on other activities. Visitors to **TownePlace Suites** can expect the following practices:



- Optional Linen Service. Virginia Green Lodging facilities must have some sort of system in place that allows guests to not have their sheets and towels changed every day. This facility pledges that they:
 - Change linens only upon request
 - Train house cleaners on process for optional linen service
 - Purchase water and energy efficient washers and dryers
 - Use non-phosphate, non-toxic, and biodegradable laundry detergents
 - Minimize use of bleach and chlorinated chemicals
- Recycling and Waste Reduction. Virginia Green Lodging facilities must recycle and are highly encouraged to maintain a comprehensive recycling program. This facility pledges that they:
 - Recycle: glass, aluminum cans, steel cans, plastic, office paper, toner cartridges, packing supplies, fluorescent lamps, batteries, electronic equipment
 - Use reusable dishware and glassware, and minimize use of disposables
 - Use bulk soap dispensers in public restrooms
 - Purchase recycled-content paper towels and toilet paper
- **Water Conservation.** The facility must have a plan for conserving water that should consider plumbing modifications and landscaping. This facility pledges that they:
 - Track overall water usage and wastewater
 - Have a numeric goal to reduce water consumption over time
 - Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks

- Energy Conservation. The facility must have a plan in place that encourages replacement of lighting and equipment to energy-efficient alternatives. This facility pledges that they:
 - Track overall energy bills
 - Have had an energy audit to identify efficiency opportunities
 - Have a numeric goal of how much they want to reduce their energy usage over time
 - Use compact fluorescent light bulbs in all rooms and in canned lighting
 - Have individual thermostats for each room/area
 - Use lighting sensors to turn on/off lights
 - Purchase EnergyStar-rated computers, copiers, and appliances
- Green Events Package. The facility must offer a "green" or "environmentally-friendly" package for conferences, meetings and other events. Even if the facility only offers occasional, small events, at least recycling will be provided.
 - No restaurant or meeting space

For more information on **TownePlace Suites Virginia Beach**, see www.marriott.com/orfts or contact **Jennifer Thomas** at Jennifer.thomas@marriott.com or 757-490-9367.

For more information on *Virginia Green Lodging* program, see www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/lodging or go to www.virginiagreentravel.org.



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